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Vesely discusses a company startup called iCanBuy which provides child-enabled electronic wallets. Although the concept is similar to the restrictions which can be applied to a gift certificate of this invention, there are some significant differences. For one, this invention is not limited to kids and second allows merchants to support this system much easier than a centralized authority rather than standalone software.

Datta talks about a startup StoreCoupon.com that downloads coupons to a user's hard disk which then require proprietary software running on the user's system to assemble before being printed. Gift certificates in this invention do not require any printing out and is intended for online commerce as opposed to retail commerce.

Mollman talks about a startup doughnet.com, where parents setup specialty accounts for their offspring similar to iCanBuy discussed above. This site can also contribute to charities.

Very respectfully,

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